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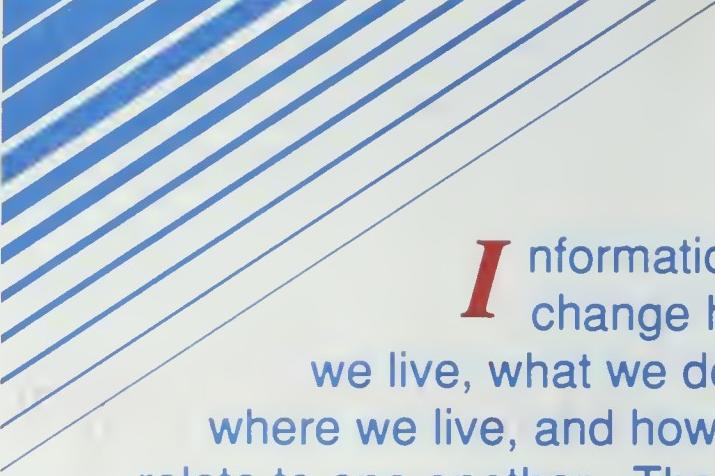
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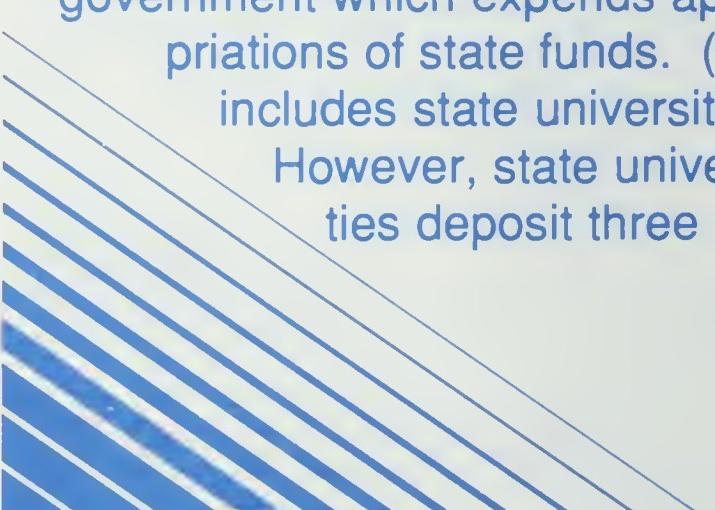
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**I**nformation can change how we live, what we do, where we live, and how we relate to one another. The General Assembly recognized the need to provide Illinois citizens with information in 1967, when it amended the State Library Act to require state agencies to deposit copies of their publications with the Illinois State Library for distribution to depository libraries.

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**A**ccording to the law, each state agency must deposit 40 copies of all its publications, priced and unpriced, with the Illinois State Library for distribution to depositories. "State agency" is defined as any unit of state government which expends appropriations of state funds. (This includes state universities. However, state universities deposit three

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*"I know no safe depository of the ultimate powers of society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion."*

—Thomas Jefferson

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